



Ministers ask the health regions to make even bigger cuts than expected

The Government is asking health authorities to cut staff by more than would be needed to meet the emergency cash cuts imposed this year by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. A letter sent to regional administrators last week encourages them to make even bigger staff cuts, which would be "especially well received" by ministers.

22 jailed for terrorist crimes

Twenty-two people including leading members of the Provisional IRA, were sentenced yesterday to jail sentences of between three years and life after being convicted of terrorist crimes largely on the word of their former associate, Christopher Black, a supergrass. The jail sentences were imposed by Mr Justice Kelly at the end of a 121-day trial in Belfast Crown Court.

Four get life sentences

The sentences passed in Belfast Crown Court yesterday were as follows: Kevin Mulgrew, aged 27: Life for murder of UDR soldier; total of 963 years concurrent on 84 other serious charges. Charles McKiernan, aged 23: Two life sentences for murdering UDR soldier and deputy governor of Maze prison; total of 417 years concurrent on 35 other charges.

Three railmen killed

Rail travellers saw a train speed through their station yesterday dragging a man's body. Three trackmen were killed just before 10 am when the 90mph train pulling empty passenger coaches, struck them half a mile east of Polmont, near Falkirk, on the Edinburgh to Glasgow line.



Prince Andrew, sporting a beard after his three-week canoe trip in Canada's North West Territories, visiting the the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Labour counts cost of leadership battle

At least one of the candidates in the Labour Party leadership elections is concerned at the cost and difficulty of reaching the electorate. Many constituency parties have decided to seek the views of all members before taking a decision on whom to support, and in spite of the neutral wording of advice from the party headquarters in Watlington Road, south London, many are feeling encouraged to use proportional representation.

Hiroshima vigil at Greenham

Several hundred protesters arrived at Greenham Common, in Berkshire, yesterday, as part of a series of marches, fasts and vigils being held worldwide to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the dropping of the Hiroshima atomic bomb in Japan.

Murder-hunt police seek men

Lothian and Borders police issued a police artist's impression yesterday of two men they would like to interview about the murder of Caroline Hogg, aged five, on July 8. The impressions were compiled from descriptions by two boys. The one with spectacles was from a boy aged 12 who saw a man sitting on the sea wall watching Caroline in the swing park in Portobello Promenade.

Million TV-am viewers

A dispute broke out last night between the BBC and TV-am over audience figures for breakfast television. TV-am, the commercial channel, claimed that it was closing the gap on the BBC. It said that new figures showed that it had a peak audience of one million during the week ending July 31 - a rise of 400,000.

Reprieved killers readapt well to community life

The fate of 61 men who were once sentenced to death in Britain but were reprieved and eventually released is disclosed in a study by a probation chief. None killed again. The life sentence was just as effective for them as for other people who served it, according to Mr John Coker, Hampshire's deputy chief probation officer. He followed what happened to 239 men with life sentences (including the reprieved killers) who were released between 1960 and 1954 and between 1970 and 1974.

Meriden appoints liquidator

The remains: 180 members of the Meriden motor cycle cooperative yesterday voted to put the company, which has debts of almost £2m into liquidation. A year ago the Government wiped out debts of £11m owing on state aid received since the cooperative was formed eight years ago under the sponsorship of Mr Wedgwood Benn, who was then Secretary of State for Industry.

Oxford degrees St John's College back at the top

St John's College has regained its place this year at the top of the Norrington Table, the annual ranking of the Oxford colleges' final examination results, after slipping to fourth position last summer. Ousted from first place is University College, which finds itself sixth this year.

Police ambush four-man shotgun gang

Central Robbery Squad detectives ambushed an armed gang yesterday outside a British Telecom wages office in north London. About 20 policemen with handguns lay in wait for four men armed with two sawn-off shotguns and a sledgehammer. No shots were fired and four men were arrested, Scotland Yard said.

Carrier to be blamed for Kos typhoid

A carrier who has left the Greek island of Kos is expected to be blamed for the typhoid outbreak which has put 25 British holidaymakers in hospital. Greek health officials are to make a statement in Athens within the next few days on the results of their investigations into conditions on the popular island resort.

Explosives are found on M1

Junction 10 of the M1 near Luton, Bedfordshire, was closed off last night after the police found a pound of plastic explosives by the side of the road. Bomb Squad and Special Branch officers took away the explosives. The police said they believed they were dumped by criminals not terrorists.

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Battle over: Mrs Patricia Neal and her baby, Clare. (Photograph: David Cairns).

# Stabbed soccer fan's murder remains a mystery, judge says

The murder of a football fan during a pitched battle, which was provoked by hooligans, would probably remain a mystery, a judge said yesterday at Southwark Crown Court.

Judge Lowry described the "dismal consequences" of hooliganism at matches: large police presences at grounds, games interrupted or abandoned, and loyal fans put in terror.

Judge Lowry told the pair, of previous good character, that the had to reflect sensible public opinion, but it would not be right to "vent the wrath of society" on them because they had spent several months in custody facing a murder charge.

# The faceless men of violence

The evil methods of a new breed of football hooligans were disclosed during two lengthy trials at the Central Criminal Court which ended yesterday.

Most of the thugs claim to be West Ham United followers. But they have teamed up with others to form the ICF, whose sole intention is to disrupt and spark battles at first division games.

They also wear peak caps or tribal hats, reinforced with wood or metal. Some carry rolled umbrellas with finely sharpened metal points to use as swords.

# Edinburgh Festival aid is cut

The Edinburgh Festival is to lose money because of the Government's 1 per cent reduction in its arts budget (our Arts Correspondent writes).

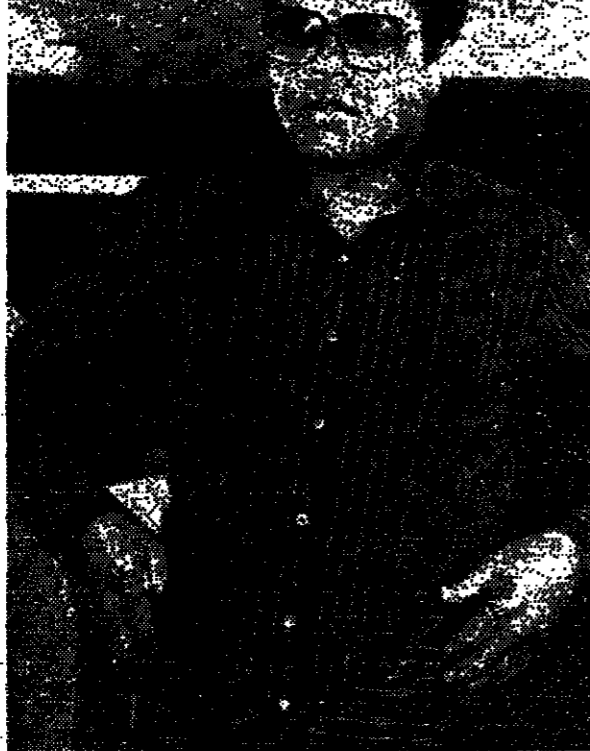
# Coroner's plea to friends of sniffers

A coroner yesterday urged teenagers to report to the police or to their parents any friends who were sniffing glue or other substances.

He did not tell his friend's parents because he did not want to let him down.

# Two face pub murder charge

Three men faced Harrow magistrates yesterday on charges arising from a fight at the Eastcote Arms, Northolt, west London, last month after which Mr Bruce Melville, aged 39, unemployed, of Dorchester Gardens, Northolt, died.



Muhammad Ali arriving at Heathrow airport yesterday. He is to spend a week in Britain and will open a community centre in Birmingham on Tuesday.

# Dennis Nilsen given legal aid

Dennis Nilsen, who is accused of five murders, was granted legal aid by Judge Tudor Price at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to enable solicitor to help to prepare for his trial in October.

# Fare cut by 25% on ferry shuttle

Sally Line is to introduce a 25 per cent discount "shuttle" scheme on its Ramsgate to Dunkirk ferry route from Monday until the end of September.

# Honeymooners return to marry

Steven Marsden and Louise Antcliff cut short their honeymoon in Paris and returned home yesterday, to get married.

The Rev Michael MacLachlan visited the Antcliff home in Stoke Avenue, Newark, only four hours before the wedding was due to take place to say that he was unable to marry them.

# Tipstiffs end mother's hospital sit-in

Mrs Patricia Neal appeared in the High Court yesterday after tipstiffs ended her sit-in at Crawley Hospital, West Sussex, by arresting her (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

My family, I know I have really done my best."

day ordered her committal to prison for a day as the "most convenient, if unpleasant" way of ensuring that she appeared before him at 2pm.

# Wife lived fantasy of wealth

A fantasy world of wealth invented by a woman to ensure her suitors was ended at York Crown Court yesterday.

Smith, who admitted obtaining services by deception from her second husband, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment after Judge John Bosomworth said that he had been "appalled" by the story of anguish and hurt she had left behind.

# Man killed as beach tunnel collapses

A man aged 28 died yesterday on a beach at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, after a tunnel he was digging collapsed.

It was a hell of a job to dig him out. The sand was so soft and loose it kept falling back in.

# Severed arm victim improving

By Richard Dowden

Mr Roy Tapping, whose left arm was sewn back after it was tipped off by a hay baler, left his hospital bed yesterday for the first time since the accident on June 27.

# Phillips rounds on critics

Captain Mark Phillips yesterday silenced the critics of his do-it-yourself cross-country trial course with an effortless round in the grounds of Gatcombe Park, his Cotswold home.

The court, on his Land-Rover team horse Classic Lines, came hours after the course was officially cleared by RSPCA inspectors who were investigating complaints that many of the 25 jumps were too difficult.

# I love her and still want her back, doctor says of wife

Dr Robert Jones, aged 40, the doctor who waited nine days before telling police that his wife had disappeared, said he still loved her and wanted her back.

Dr Jones disclosed that on the next Tuesday his solicitor had told him that Mrs Jones had asked her solicitor to arrange for her husband to pay her maintenance for a separation. It was only on the Monday after that that Dr Jones was told that his wife had made her request the day before her disappearance.

# Judge hits at 'work escape'

A Central Criminal Court judge said yesterday that unemployed people always found a job when they were about to be jailed.

# Family's car smashed in police trap

The police have ordered an inquiry into why a family's Mini Metro was commandeered for an improvised roadblock, it was disclosed yesterday.

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THE ARTS

Theatre All the fun of the family

You Can't Take It With You Lyttelton

I last saw this piece 40 years ago... It is tempting sometimes to use television as a retreat and, as was possible last night, to enter a world of ancient gardens and distant places.

There is Mrs Sycamore compulsively bashing out plays because a typewriter had been mistakenly delivered to the house eight years before...



Gary Raymond (left), Geraldine McEwan, Greg Hicks, Arthur Whybrow, Jimmy Jewel covers the collapsed visitor with a bear-skin and adds her to the general furnishings of the room.

Radio Skin deep

Among my fellow passengers on a long flight home recently were two young women, one accompanied by a man, all fair Scandinavians...

me that that strangeness may here have been somewhat outweighed by a deadening familiarity.

Without a doubt these two children would be coming into an environment indescribably more affluent than the one they had just left...

Less than mesmerised, it struck me that his "On, somehow on... now on..." and his "Only one good, gone, gone for good..."

Television/Weekend choice Pleasure principle

drenched by "water jokes", as jets of water spring from sculptured nipples or from the shaggy of Neptune.

lead on those who reply with promises of marriage only to use them as occasional weekend diversions.

new five-part drama One Summer (tomorrow, Channel 4, 9.15pm), a product of Keith Richardson, of Harry's Game fame.

Promenade Concert BBCWSO/Thomson Albert Hall/Radio 3

Thursday's Prom could have looked like miscasting the BBC's Welsh Orchestra, in a largely Scandinavian programme.

A new piece by Audis Sallinen, his prelude, Shadows, three shafts of bleak light into other departments of the orchestra: the solid, glowing combination of brass and low woodwind, the firm tread of the strings en masse.

After this, there was real Sibelius in a performance of the Fifth Symphony that Mr Thomson weighed out with the same judiciousness he had found in the Grieg. Things were allowed to unfold rather than encouraged to happen.

In between, the slow movement seemed becalmed in useless sport a nice touch. The only section of the symphony that missed its mark was the transition into faster music in the first movement.

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In the Renaissance gardens that still flourish are the only living reminders of an exuberance and fancy which are not generally to be found in Gardens' Quest.

North Koreans killed as Seoul sinks 'spy ship'

Seoul (Reuters) - South Korea's military forces sank what they said was an armed North Korean spy ship yesterday off the south's east coast, killing at least three northern infiltrators, the Defence Ministry said.

Defence Ministry officials said North Korea had sent commandos to the south on more than 20 occasions since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

situation became favourable to North Korea. General Robert Sennewald, commander of 40,000 US forces in South Korea, said in June that North Korea was dangerous, unpredictable and capable of launching a surprise massive attack.



Royal Birth: Princess Marie-Astrid of Luxembourg and Archduke Christian of Austria with their new-born baby Marie-Christine.

Planes of 1942 found buried under ice

After an arduous two-month expedition into Greenland's inland ice, a 12-man American team of scientists and aviation experts announced yesterday that they had located eight Second World War US military aircraft buried under 75ft of ice.

Craxi wastes no time forming inner Cabinet

Signor Bettino Craxi, Italy's new Prime Minister, set up a nine-man inner Cabinet at the first meeting of the 30 cabinet ministers yesterday, the day after they were sworn in by President Sandro Pertini.

Peking pleases Hayden on Hongkong

Peking (AFP) - Mr Bill Hayden, the visiting Australian Foreign Minister, emerged from talks here with his Chinese counterpart, Mr Wu Xueqian, "very encouraged" by Peking's stand on Hongkong.

Efforts to save Venice founder over tenders

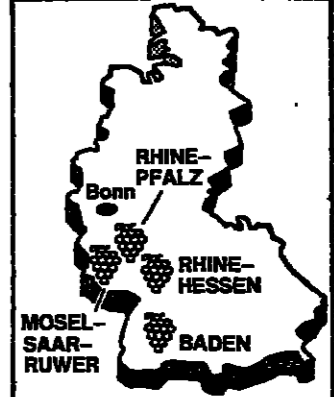
Efforts to protect Venice and its lagoon from the floods which submerged Saint Mark's Square and the city centre every winter are back at their starting point.

Etna stops erupting after 129 days

Catania, Sicily (Reuters) - Mt Etna has stopped erupting after 129 days of activity during which a spectacular attempt was made to divert lava with explosives.

Europe's wine prospects Part 3 Germans expect best vintage since 1976

Despite the vagaries of the weather, German wine-growers are guardedly optimistic about this year's harvest. The third part of the series on European wine is written by JAMES HUTCHINSON in Bonn.



Rhine-Hessen: Vines look very good everywhere and especially so in the terraced vineyards on the Rhine front. Some exceptionally good Nierstein and Oppenheim can be expected, much of it earmarked for Britain.

Policeman shot dead in Basque attack

San Sebastian (Reuters) - Suspected Basque terrorists shot dead a policeman and wounded three people in a machine-gun attack near this Basque port early yesterday.

Hopes on Cyprus grow

President Kyriacos Papandreu and Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, announced in Athens yesterday that their governments had achieved a perfect coordination and joint strategy on Cyprus.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Video nasties?

No self-respecting power struggle these days is complete without its tapes. In the Labour leadership elections, it is claimed, the "Sheffield tapes" represent "better value than Superman III".

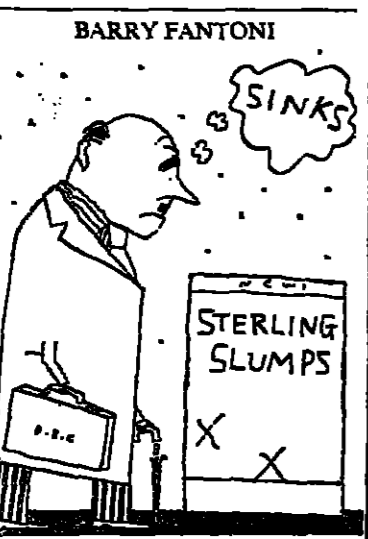
Too covered up

Norman Tebbit has been trying to go unrecognized in the West country. Deciding on an impromptu stay with his wife at a quiet hotel on the fringe of Dartmoor, Tebbit took careful precautions to conceal his identity.

My PHISILLY Season Sausage competition has got off to a predictably slippy start. Colonel Jimmy Capadose says that the sausage pun, with which I indicated that standards of editorial decency must be observed, was in the worst possible taste and may have dealt a mortadella blow to the whole sausage affair.

What a gas!

Something has got up the nose of the British Soft Drinks Council, and I am afraid it's the burb bubble of its own pride. The council complained to the Code of Advertising Practice Committee against a Scottish Dairy Council advertisement headlined: "Are your children learning chemistry at school? Or having it for lunch?"



Nouvelle vague

Our Findings column, reporting on research in Japan this week, proved to me once again that there is nothing new under the Japanese sun. "Another novel approach" being adopted by the Japanese in their pursuit of alternative energy sources.

Readers continue to enjoy exciting eating. In Jerusalem Norman Lebrecht confronted Fish on Fire, a dramatic dish possibly only to be extinguished with Fish Foam, which Frances Shipsey found at the Comedie restaurant in Angers.

Reagan's backyard blunder

by John B. Oakes

New York Unless he is stopped by Congress - and only Congress and the force of public opinion can stop him - Ronald Reagan could plunge this country into the most unwanted, unconscionable, unnecessary and unwinnable war in its history, not excepting Vietnam.

we are doing to ourselves by imitating them in trying to impose our style of democracy on people who may be totally unready or unsuited for it. Because of the brutal purge of Central American experts as soon as he took office, Reagan had no one around to tell him that the Sandinista arms build-up in Nicaragua might just possibly not have been impelled by the desire to conquer all the rest of Central America for Castro and Marx.

there for at least 20 years. Even less than El Salvador, less than Nicaragua, did Guatemala need Castro or Marx or communist propaganda to pit rich against poor, oligarchy against peasantry, army against guerrillas.

Plotting to save the good old British vegetable

Patricia Clough reports growing unrest over EEC policy

If you have taken over an old kitchen garden or allotment, think twice before pulling up those odd, brown-leaved lettuces or those curious beans with pods pointing upwards. When tidying the garden shed, pause before throwing away any old, faded seed packets.

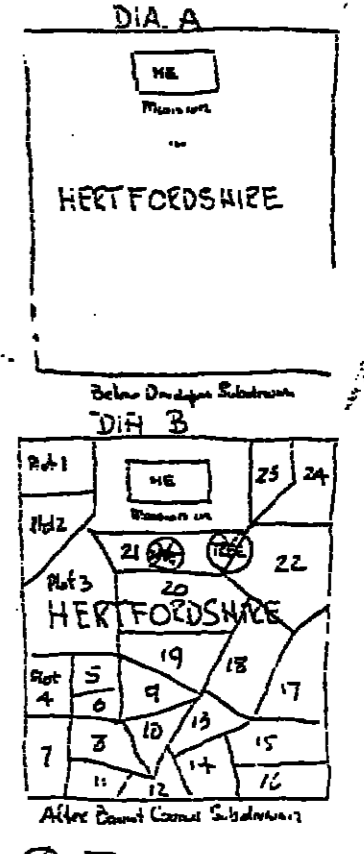
Essex. He has founded a seed library from which members can borrow unlisted seeds, replacing them when the plants reproduce their own. Members can become "seed guardians", raising and caring for threatened varieties.

Mr Hills is collecting seeds from Spain and Portugal in preparation for those countries' entry into the EEC, foreseeing that their richness of varieties will dwindle in the same way as Britain's. He is looking for a Greek correspondent who will obtain seeds of vegetables cultivated for centuries by the monks at Mount Athos monastery.



Save trees - don't waste paper (Ed.)

My name is being defiled, I tell you. The popular press has printed that I have been put on the "Black" list for appearing in South Africa. Fools! Most people in South Africa are black! What got me laughing was reading the American showbiz bulletin Variety, Shirley Bassey on Black List.



Warning: holidays can damage your health

And then, of course, there's the holiday you need to prepare for your holiday. Or the time off you ought to take to organize your time off to get your pre-travel rest ("at least two good nights' sleep to alleviate the effects of nervous tension and travel fatigue").

insurance? Did Sir Richard Burton pack his antihistamine cream? I hope it isn't quite medical nonsense to suggest that if you're a regular traveller, then high level of protection can be counter-productive.

Panda to everyone's taste

The giant panda, when you consider it carefully, is really a useless creature with little more than its deceptively charming appearance to commend it. Even the most passionate conservationists recognize that the millions of pounds squandered annually on attempts to increase its numbers could be far more profitably spent on other species.

reproductive method: they flower on average every 80 years and then die off for several years before regenerating. The result is famine. One such famine, in the 1970s, killed 138 pandas, more than one tenth of the estimated panda population in China.

any non-flowering species of bamboo that might be an acceptable substitute; the flowering plants are to be analysed for nutritional content and the health of the animals monitored so that some at least might be trapped and released in other areas when they show signs of weakening.



Panda propaganda: cuddlesome image

Tony Samstag

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

City refuses to panic

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 1. Dealings end, Aug 12. Contango Day, Aug 16. Settlement Day, Aug 22.

RECENT ISSUES table with columns for company name, price, change, and yield.

The refusal of the big City institutions to be panicked into selling saw the London stock market put up a fierce rearguard action in the wake of the overnight weakness on Wall Street. The FT Index eroded an earlier fall of 7.6 to end the day only 0.6 down at 723.0...

Among the composite insurers Commercial Union wiped out an earlier fall to close unchanged at 159p ahead of second quarter figures next week. The market is looking for Scott Goff Hancock, the brokers, have confined their intention of becoming the first brokers firm to open an office in South Africa following the relaxation of exchange controls on the Cape. It will be small by London standards and according to SGH will be used as a settlement office for existing South African business.

Shares of Legal & General, the life insurance group, dipped 4p to 46p yesterday as a takeover candidate and some observers believe the shares could be bid for before Christmas. Another food group thought to have already cast an all-sorts group, enjoyed another bout of speculative support rising 7p to 97p. The group has long been fancied as a takeover candidate and some observers believe the shares could be bid for before Christmas.

Mr Brian Wolfson, the ex-Grandmaster, now in control of Anglo-Nordic emerges as the interested party eyeing Weeks Associates. Weeks said Thursday that no terms were suggested and no further discussions have taken place since the initial approach from a company they would not name.

At yesterday's closing price of 21p, the shares sit 6p under asset value and are still showing a 30 per cent jump over Thursday.

Scottish Northern Investment Trust has reduced its stake in Energy Finance and General Trust, unchanged at 44p, with the sale of 500,000 restricted voting shares. It now holds 1 million shares, amounting to 10.15 per cent of the equity.

Wearwell, the East-London textile group, was a firm market after hours climbing 7p to 73p. Recently the group headed by Mr Asit Nadir, the Turkish entrepreneur, took a 51 per cent stake in local rival Inter-City Investments. Mr Nadir is believed to be pushing ahead with plans to merge all three of his publicly quoted companies later this year.

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NOTEBOOK

Rubber prices have bounced up over the last six months, after two years of depression. If they continue at the present rate they could, within weeks, reach the point at which the rubber buffer stock manager must sell. How will the market react?

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Longton Industrial Holdings Year to 31.3.83. Pretax loss £185,000 (£36,000)

Exports boost by former BA subsidiary STC celebrates independence by doubling interim profits to £42m

Standard Telephone and Cables, the electronics group, celebrated the independence it won from JTF last year by revealing yesterday that interim pretax profits leapt to £42.4m from £26.4m.



Corfield: Exports rose by 90 per cent

Exports to eastern Europe up 16%

British exports to eastern Europe are increasing twice as fast this year as sales to the world as a whole.

International Signal buoyant

First-quarter results of International Signal and Control Group are ahead of budget, yet most of the financial year's profits will be made in the second half, it was said at yesterday's annual meeting.

Telecom with TXE4A exchanges at the rate of one a week, and that business should continue at that level for several years.

US jobless rate in sharp fall to 9.5%

The United States unemployment rate fell to 9.5 per cent in July as nearly 500,000 Americans found jobs, the Labour Department reported here.

Big profits recovery for McLeod

McLeod Russell, year to 31.3.83. Pretax profit £24.9m (£1.8m) Stated earnings 14.95p (£0.7p)

Waddington attack renewed by BPCC

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of British Printing and Communications Corporation, yesterday launched a fresh attack on the management record of John Waddington, for which his group is bidding £18.2m.

USM group to clinch £3m catering deal

USM group to clinch £3m catering deal. The project, which is expected to be confirmed shortly, will be one of the biggest ever handled by the small Unlisted Securities Market company and will require a total investment of about £3m.

Brookes poised for Piccadilly

Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant-owning group, is poised to win the catering rights for the Trocadero development in London's Piccadilly Circus.

City Editor's Comment The long, hard road to Wytch Farm

If Mrs Thatcher's first four years taught this Government anything about privatization, it was surely that converting simple manifesto promises into reality is a terribly frustrating, time-consuming and complicated business.

Phoenix trims losses

Phoenix Timber has announced full year pretax losses of £995,000 compared with £1.2m loss a year ago.

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Unit trust performance

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Bradford & Bingley's Extra Interest Account invites any amount of comparison. Large advertisement with headline and introductory text.

Comparison table between Bradford & Bingley and Your Building Society. Rows include Net Interest PA\*, Gross Interest PA\*, Penalty Free Withdrawals, Instant Access, Extra Interest, Regular Income, Minimum Deposit, and Minimum Investment Period.

Bradford & Bingley's Extra Interest rate is a full 1% above ordinary account rates. Text describing the benefits of the account and contact information.

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Markets abroad

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Varsity premiums

Investing Unit trusts soar in Australia

It was stock markets on the other side of the world which put up the best performance last month...

Leading the contingent was Lawson Australian and Pacific with a rise of 18.3 per cent...

Much of the recent rise in Australian share prices has been attributed to renewed overseas interest...

Still overhauling the Australian metals and minerals sector is the prospect of the new Labour Government's proposed resources tax...

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Source: Plannet Savings Magazine

Higher threshold

The minimum balance for new investments in Learnington Spa's Lion Share account has been increased from £500 to £1,000...

Aiming for youth

In an attempt to woo young savers, Barclays Bank has launched a Super Savers account...

The savers also receive a colour magazine three times a year with competitions and special offers...

High interest share

Argyle Building Society has issued a new high interest income share offering 1.6 per cent above the society's normal investment share rate...

Employment Abroad

Employment Abroad - A Guide to the Tax Problems is a general guide to the tax difficulties which are likely to be faced by a British executive...

Claim form change

Guardian Royal Exchange has revised its motor claims form to cater for policyholders who wish to report an accident for information only...

Jobs abroad guide

With work difficult to find, more and more people seem to be looking overseas for the number of guides on this subject...

Signal action

Mr John Potter, coordinator of the Signal Life Investors Action Group...

Car repair cover

Car repair bills can be a headache - particularly since they tend to be unexpected and unbudgeted for...

Wealth warning

Sunderland and Shields Building Society is offering 1.75 per cent above the ordinary share rate...

Cheltenham success

Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has had such a good response to its Cheltenham Gold Account...

Gift ceiling

Answers to encourage small savers to invest in gifts, National Savings has increased the maximum daily purchase of gifts listed on the National Savings Stock Register...

Crown Life bond

There is a lot to be said for certainty, and guaranteed income bonds offer a fixed income over a given period...

Car repair cover

The Automobile Association has an interesting new insurance package which gives cover for replacement parts costing more than £75...

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Covering the student risk

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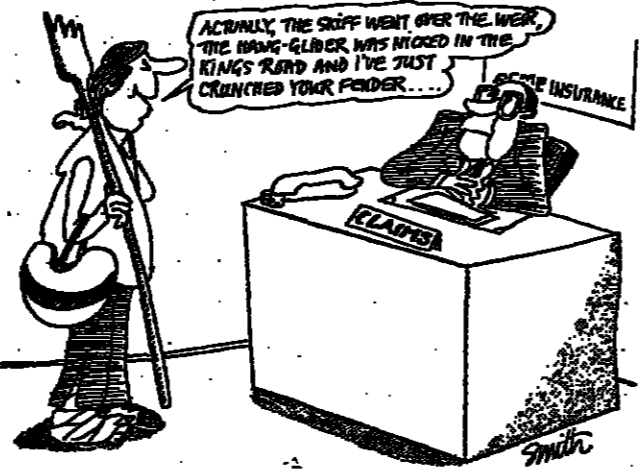
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Students should get a student insurance policy. The table shows cover offered by three main contenders in this field...

Table with 3 columns: Insurance type, Endleigh, Harrison Beaumont, Barclays. Rows include Personal belongings cover, Personal liability, Personal accident, Damage to college/landlord's property, Excess, Bicycle, and PREMIUM.

\*Endleigh: limit £200 unless specified. Harrison Beaumont: Items between £100 and £300 must be specified.

Poor deal for youngsters

Midland Bank is the latest to bring out a children's savings scheme - but like Barclays' plan, launched this week...

Advertisement for Guinness Mahon International Fund Limited. Features '1st CHANNEL ISLAND MANAGED CURRENCY FUND IN PERFORMANCE AND FIRST TO BE LAUNCHED'. Includes performance statistics and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Base Lending Rates'. Lists interest rates for various banks: ABN Bank (9 1/2%), Barclays (9 1/2%), BCCI (9 1/2%), Citibank Savings (10%), Consolidated Cards (9 1/2%), C. Hoare & Co (9 1/2%), Lloyds Bank (9 1/2%), Midland Bank (9 1/2%), Nat Westminster (9 1/2%), TSB (9 1/2%), Williams & Glyn's (9 1/2%).

Advertisement for Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society. Promotes 'Cheltenham Gold' accounts with interest rates of 8.25% net to 11.79% gross. Includes details on account types and contact information.

Advertisement for Julian Gibbs Associates. Promotes 'Double your money - in a year.' and features an 'Investment Action Report' showing the performance of six investment funds.

Advertisement for London Life. Promotes 'Repaying a mortgage?' and offers a 'Mortgage Rate Up' package. Includes details on mortgage terms and contact information.

FAMILY MONEY

Jobs aid

Cultivating new business ventures



Plant investment: Ms McLaren, hopes to reap rewards from her nursery.

From little acorns, as they say, mighty oaks will grow. But Ms Marion McLaren of Collier Street village in Kent is hoping that the pots and plants in her new greenhouses will sprout profits when Spenny Lane Nurseries opens for business shortly, courtesy of the Government's new Enterprise Allowance Scheme.

The scheme has been run for the past year on a pilot basis in several parts of the country and went national this week. It is designed to help the unemployed set up in business on their own. Those with a place on the scheme are paid £40 a week for the first year. And Ms McLaren was one of the first at her local Jobcentre in Maidstone on Monday.

"Living out in the country, starting a nursery seemed a sensible thing to do as I have quite a bit of land attached to my house," she says. "And I could work from home, which is an advantage when you have young children. Over the past few weeks I have been busy building-up stocks of bedding plants and organizing the greenhouses in the hope that I can sign-on the scheme."

To qualify for the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, you have to fulfil a number of conditions. You must be on unemployment or supplementary benefit when you apply, and have been out of work under notice of redundancy for 13 weeks. You must show you have £1,000 to invest in the venture (this can be a bank loan), be over 18 and be prepared to work full time.

So last Monday, Ms McLaren ended up in Sevenoaks with two children in tow, being told about Value Added Tax, bookkeeping and all the other things she will have to grapple with if she starts up on her own.

The purpose of these information sessions is to explain to candidates the potential pitfalls that lie in wait for budding entrepreneurs. Later in the day Ms McLaren saw her bank manager, who agreed to a £1,000 loan.

Before being accepted on the scheme, she (and what is expected to be a flood of other hopefuls) will have an individual session with someone from the Manpower Services Commission. She will have to show she has her £1,000 ready in a separate business bank account and she has to agree to let scheme officials inspect her books and monitor her progress during the year.

She will be entitled to a voluntary individual business counselling session after sign-on. And she can have two more free sessions during the year. "I have never known anything to do with government

of bureaucracy go so smoothly," Ms McLaren said. The bad news is that there is only room for 25,000 people on the Enterprise Allowance Scheme throughout the country.

The number of places available in a particular area depends on the level of unemployment. Pilot schemes that have been running for the past year indicate that the EAS should be a real success. Mr Barry Phillips, the organizer in Ms McLaren's area, says: "The pilot scheme we had in the Maidway Towns last year had a failure rate of between 13 and 16 per cent - much lower than the normal failure rate for new businesses. Officials do not sit in judgment on the commercial viability of a venture. It's first come, first served for those who qualify."

Certain kinds of business such as gambling, anything religious or political, are banned from the scheme. But a Kiss-Off-Cram service qualified. Mr Phillips said: "Most of the businesses were more mundane. We had people like blacksmiths starting-up in business in the villages again and quite a lot of people with a traditional craft like furniture-making or renovation sign-on."

Anyone interested in the Enterprise Allowance Scheme should get in touch with their nearest Job centre as soon as possible. Margaret Drummond

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FROM £1,000. THE M&G GROUP. Includes a form for investment details and a signature line.

One bank loan offer you can afford to refuse

The housebuying spree is likely to overflow into an autumn consumer mini-boom as families fit out their new homes. Never slow to see the commercial possibilities, the banks are all pushing their personal loan schemes.

Loan, you probably do not need it anyway so make sure you are not paying inadvertently for something you do not want. The banks offer this as an option, and in the case of Barclays and Midlands, you will get life cover unless you stipulate that you do not require it.

This is straightforward inertia selling a practice frowned on by the Office of Fair Trading. The table shows just how much you are paying for life cover - as much as two or three pounds a month, or £36 a year. For that, a man of 30 could buy

Table titled 'MONTHLY REPAYMENTS FOR A PERSONAL LOAN OF £1,000'. Columns: Term, National Westminster, Barclays, Midland, \*Lloyds. Rows: 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years.

£30,000 worth of term assurance lasting 15 years - a much better bet. This would not cover you for the monthly repayments if you were ill and unable to work, but here again, a 30-year-old could buy a monthly permanent health benefit of more than £40 for an annual premium of £12 or £1 a month.

USM REVIEW THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS EVERY MONDAY

Large table of financial data including 'Unit Trust Prices - change on the week', 'Authorized Unit Trusts', and 'Unit Trust Prices - change on the week'. Contains numerous columns of fund names, prices, and percentage changes.

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CRICKET: TOUR GOES ON AS PLANNED

W Indies accept counties' right to pick teams without interference

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

There was good news from Lord's yesterday regarding next summer's West Indian tour to England...

of the English team which played in South Africa in the spring of last year...

Australia send the higher orders packing

By Peter Rochford

Oscar Wilde said: "Really, if the lower orders don't set us a good example, what on earth is the use of them?"

England, having been put into bat, lost their first wicket in the ninth over...



Cowardry shows how MCC used to do it. Photograph by Chris Cole

BOWLS

Unassuming Charles in last four

Sean Yates and Tony Doyle. Britain's two world class professional pursuers, returned with panache to track racing at Leicester yesterday...

Coventry assets

Two Bristol Rovers players, Graham Whyte and Nicky Plattner, signed yesterday for Coventry City...

Watford will have to pay £175,000 for the Oldham midfielder Paul Atkinson...

Liverpool have signed Bob Bolder, a goalkeeper from Sheffield Wednesday...

CYCLING

Yates hopes to repeat win today

three to qualify at last year's world's and I was flat out..."

IN BRIEF

ATHLETICS: England's four-man team for the triangular decathlon international with Ireland and Scotland...

Today Tomorrow
CRICKET
John Player League: (2.0-4.0/7.0)

OTHER SPORT
HOCKEY: International Scotland vs Spain...

GOLF



Course suits Sutton

Los Angeles (Agency) - Tom Watson. The Open champion, was in danger of missing the cut at the Riviera Country Club...

Sutton, whose target this year is to finish among the top five money winners...

Ralph has been a professional for ten years. In that time, apart from a short flirtation with the top job of leader...

ATHLETICS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

One rule for the poor bends ruling imposed on the rich

From David Miller, Helsinki

A lamentable comment here on Thursday by Pierre Desriaux, the technical delegate of the International Amateur Athletic Federation...

Samaranch not at all alarmed

Helsinki (AP) - Juan Antonio Samaranch yesterday dismissed suggestions that the world championships starting here tomorrow...

Mrs Smith can come of age

From Pat Butcher, Helsinki
The first world championships race two months ago, when she ran away from a women's field, is only a minute slower...



Mrs Smith: outside chance

Look-alike triumph for Elvis

From Mitchell Platts, Zandvoort
Glenn Ralph bears a striking resemblance to Elvis Presley and is a brutally honest, it is his rock star features rather than his golfing attire...

Daunting course survives scrutiny

Captain Mark Phillips rode his own daunting cross-country course with the minimum amount of fuss...

FOR THE RECORD

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET
FINGERS AND THUMB 200 for 35 in 14.0 (D. J. ...)

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3...

ATLETICS
COWES WEEK: Balthasar, 1. Scopio (A. Henderson); 2. Ghelard (M. Schifano); 3. Joaze...



Reggae to prove a holiday hit

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Willie Carson can win the Coral Bookmakers Handicap at Haydock Park today on Reggae before starting his eight-day suspension on Monday. This was one of the numerous races that flying filly Soba took in her stride in 1983. Although not nearly such a prolific winner, Reggae is as much improved sprinter and capable of scoring again from his present mark in the handicap. Even before Reggae finished fifth behind Soba in the King George Stakes at Goodwood last week, beaten little more than four lengths, there was a reliable thread of good news running through his form. For instance, at Ascot in June he split Sharpish and Autumn Sunset in that tight finish to the James Lane Handicap, and as events were to show, both Sharpish and Autumn Sunset took the form by winning at the big Goodwood meeting, Sharpish by beating Django and Dejah, who had finished second and third in their previous race at Newmarket, to Reggae. On a line through Autumn Sunset, the Stewards Cup fourth Mel's Choice, is surely the one that Carson and Reggae should fear the most. Carson will also be fancying his chances of winning at the Dominion Insurance Anniversary Stakes on Speedwell, a well bred newcomer from Dick Hern's stable, who is said to be well named. By all accounts she has inherited plenty of speed from her dam, the Town Crier mare Bluebell. In this instance, I prefer On Oath, a colt by Monsanto out of that exceptionally fast filly Cry Of Truth, who was able enough to win the Cheveley Park Stakes. On Oath performed with



Geoff Baxter rides Zilos

resents the current classic crop but he will be meeting Thorn-down on nearly a stone worse terms than he would if this were a weight for age handicap and could prove too much. At his best, Ribicetto looks the most leniently-treated runner in the field, bearing in mind that he did win the Derby Trial at Lingfield two years ago. But a lot of water has passed under the bridge in the interim and in this instance not only Thorn-down but also Balladier, Regal Steel and Jupiter Island have better form to their name. Jupiter Island has been the

subject of a gamble to win the Ebor Handicap at York later this month. He will incur a 7lb penalty if he wins now. Our Newmarket Correspondent said yesterday that he cannot accept Tapping Wood's indifferent effort in the race won by Keen at Ascot on Diamond Day as being a correct picture of his ability. All the more so as he carried the full weight of his stable's confidence that day and started favourite. So it seems only fair to give him the benefit of the doubt in the Kivi Stakes. Having finished second to Chapel Cottage in the Cherry Hinton Stakes on the course at the July meeting, albeit four lengths adrift, Nophe will have a host of followers in the Sweet Solera Stakes. Yet I wonder whether she will manage to give 8lb to the very easy Salisbury winner Triagonal, who will be meeting Out Of Shot on much more favourable terms than when they clashed at Sandown, where Out Of Shot won by two lengths. At Redcar Edward Hide, should enjoy a field day thanks to Telemopromter (2.45), Sea Charm (3.45) and Remembering (4.15).

Gala Event can shine

Colts usually dominate group races but one noteworthy exception is the Group 1 Helyar 57 sponsored Phoenix Stakes, for over the past 17 years only three colts have been successful as compared to 14 fillies. Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes: One change that may see the balance of power altered is the extension of the distance from five to six furlongs, but against that a surprise defection, Hegemony out of the Curragh Stakes on Guinness Oaks Day. She has a smart turn of speed but on a line through Malaga-Lou she has by far the best form in the Gala Event, without ever being shown the whip. Gala Event has recorded fast times in twice winning over today's distance and she could be one to improve the fillies' record still further by getting the filly once on the left hand side.

Carson loses appeal

By Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent

The jockey Willie Carson lost his appeal against an eight-day suspension for careless riding on Saturday. The disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club yesterday dismissed his appeal and ordered his deposit of £130 to be forfeited. The case came after his mount, Air Distigence was found to have interfered with Gaygo Lady in the Nassau Stakes. After the 90 minute hearing, Carson said: "I am very disappointed. I didn't expect them to suggest this was a frivolous appeal. It is a very severe sentence for hitting a horse once. The stewards said the horse showed signs of anger to the right before he hit her. As far as I know, I have been done for careless riding." "We produced veterinary evidence that she couldn't trot the next day. She was very lame behind, and has pulled muscles in her loin. That is why she hung. She didn't show true form," Carson said. The committee, chaired by Major General Sir John D'Arvidge-Goldsmith, with Lord Vestey and Mr Brooke Holiday, heard evidence from Carson, who was legally represented, the Goodwood Club's veterinary officer, Julia Berry, the steward's secretary, and Steve Canten, rider of Gaygo Lady. They watched a video recording of the race and also saw a film of the Prix de Diane in France when Air Distigence was hit on the left hand side but did not swerve. They found that Carson had been guilty of careless riding after hitting the filly once on the left hand side.

Ma Biche to thwart the British raiders

By Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent

English and Irish trained horses are conducting a major raid at Deauville this weekend and the victors should come away with some of the valuable prize money. In this afternoon's Group II Prix d'Ascar, to be run over one mile, Ian Balding saddles both Mighty Fly and Flamenco and the English team is made up with Octavia Girl and Nibubu. But, the French are strong in this event and are led by the 1,000 Guineas winner Ma Biche, Mystere Etiole, Verria and Rudofina. Ma Biche has not run since beating Royal Heroine and Favorite in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket, but Crisquet Head reports her filly in top condition and just in need of a little competition to sharpen her up for the Prix Jacques Le Marois on August 14. The Daughter of Key to the Kingdom must carry a Group One penalty in the race and will therefore be priced at odds on to all her rivals including a trio of four-year-olds. Mystere Etiole began her season well enough by taking the Prix de la Reine in this running second to Attraction in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas). The tiny daughter of Northern Dancer subsequently ran well below form in both the Prix Saint-Alary and Prix de Diane Myrnes but was found to be in both those Group One events. She is now back to full strength and will not doubt appreciate the probable fast ground and the shorter distance of the Ascar. The best of the English should be Flamenco who was beaten two lengths by Royal Heroine (received 3/1) in the Child Stakes at Sandown, will be receiving 4lb from Ma Biche on a strict form line through Royal Heroine should be very close to the crack French filly, Mighty Fly in a top class handicap race with odds to her credit this season in the William Hill Lincoln, Whitcup Cup and the Royal Hunt Cup. I expect that the finish of this race to be extremely close between Ma Biche, erris, Mystere Etiole, Flamenco and Rudofina and I believe the

A Swiss champion roll-call

From Jenny MacArthur, Dublin

The Swiss continued their domination of European show jumping when they won the Aga Khan Trophy, Ireland's Nations Cup, at the Dublin Horse Show yesterday. Ireland finished a close second with the Germans third. Britain, last year's winners, suffered the indignity of finishing last of the five nations. The winners, fielding the four riders who won the team gold medal in last week's European championship at Hickstead, are now at the head of the league for the President's Cup, for which the next best Nations' Cup results count. Britain are in second place, a point behind. It is only the fourth time the Swiss have won the Aga Khan Trophy, the last occasion being in 1930, when they were allowed to keep the Cup. Yesterday's course was comparatively easy for a Nations' Cup event. David Broome said it was the smallest he had ever seen - a fact which was not actually mentioned to jump. The British might have fared better if it was bigger. At it was, Harvey Smith on Saxon Olympic Video had the only clear first round. Michael Whittaker on Azanda and his brother John on Ryan's Son both had one fence down and Pam Dunning, whose handbag was stolen on Friday, added two clear rounds from two fences and a dismount with a disastrous first round on Fearless, finishing on 17 faults. No one else had more than one fence down in the first round, although the tight time (20 seconds) caused many time faults. At the end of the round the Swiss were ahead, with no faults, followed by Ireland on a quarter of a fault, with Italy, the rank outsiders, third on two faults. Michael Whittaker on Azanda and Britain were last on eight. Three fences were raised two faults for the second round - a new FEI rule now allows this. Britain, however, could do little better in the fence down and Pam Dunning collecting eight faults. It soon developed into a battle between the Irish, jumping in front of a large and vociferous home crowd, and the Swiss. Both teams had two clear rounds from two fences, three riders so it all hinged on the fourth to go for Ireland. Eddie Macken on Corroll's Lord, John Whittaker on Corroll's Lord, John Whittaker also withdrew, because by that stage it was impossible for the British to pull themselves up from last place. With the crowd jumping away, fence with them, the pressure was intense, and they hit the second part of the double. These four faults meant that the Swiss did not need a score from their last rider, Thomas Suck on Willow, to secure the title. Britain's last rider, John Whittaker also withdrew, because by that stage it was impossible for the British to pull themselves up from last place. RESULTS: Nations' Cup Aga Khan Trophy 1, Switzerland; 2, Ireland; 3, Germany; 4, France; 5, Great Britain. Nations' Cup 1, Switzerland; 2, Great Britain; 3, France; 4, Ireland; 5, Germany.

Newmarket

Table of race results for Newmarket, including Sweet Solera Stakes, Kivi Stakes, Tauranga Handicap, Upend Stakes, and others.

Redcar

Table of race results for Redcar, including Helyar 57, Hinton Good Food Plate Handicap, and others.

Lingfield Park

Table of race results for Lingfield Park, including Piers Stakes, Warrington Stakes, and others.

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Michael Field on a bright Essex prospect

Foster's genuine pace and cool temperament can take him to the top

A year ago he shuffled into Chelmsford cricket ground, an anonymous spectator, noticed only because he was wearing a prosthetic cast. His back was broken and a promising career seemed to be over...

The world of Neil Foster has been transformed because he gambled on a special operation to mend his back which involved the insertion of two six-inch stainless steel plates...

"I sometimes think it's all a dream and I'm going to wake up," Foster said. "I was very tentative when I started the season, although I'd trained hard and was very fit. But what's amazed me is that apart from a little stiffness after a hard day in the field I have had no reaction. Apart from a little swelling I get no pain."

The scars look sore and red and I only show them to the doctor!

The operation has been judged a total success and the steel plates will be removed at the end of the season.

"It'll be a relief not to be called 'the man of steel' any more. I just hope I can take as many wickets without the plates."

Foster joined Essex from school, and although he obtained 10 O levels he decided to devote all his talents to professional cricket. He graduated from the Essex second team where he was under the watchful eye of the manager, Mike Denness, the former captain of Kent and England.

"I was surprised how quick he was when I first faced him", Denness said. "His pace is deceptive. But what always impressed me most was his action - it's flowing and fluent. He also has the great asset of bowling close to the stumps and he can move the ball into the batsman's away."

"We haven't rushed him, wanting him to complete his apprenticeship, so it was a tremendous blow when he broke the bone in his back. His comeback is quite unbelievable. His Essex colleagues all talk of Foster's equable temperament. None more so than fellow fast bowler John Lever, who predicts that with his genuine pace and ability to stay cool



Foster: his world transformed after a special operation.

under pressure, he will go to the top.

His bowling in the Benson and Hedges final proved the point. His three wickets for 26 in 11 overs and his magnificent run of eight wickets should have won Essex the trophy.

According to Denness, his protégé is level-headed and knows exactly where he is going. "He has plenty of ambition, plus an aggressive streak, two highly important attributes for a fast bowler."

Some critics say he is too tall and thin to make a classical fast bowler, and could have a tendency to breakdown. This theory is dismissed by Denness. "I can remember the time when his shoulders were too small for his long-sleeved sweater and it wouldn't fit! But he's lithe and athletic and he's a naturally good bowler. He's filling out nicely... and I think England need him now."

After a break this week, Foster, said: "I need the rest and time to reflect and catch up on all the mail and do some photography - mostly Essex cricket and country scenes. I'm a country boy at heart!"

One of the letters he has to answer is from Australia. He has been asked to return to play club cricket in Tasmania (he won a Whitebread cricket scholarship there two years ago). He has also been promised a job as a cropper in a casino at Hobart. And a winter in the sun is a prospect that appeals to him.

But what about spending the winter in Pakistan and New Zealand as a member of the England cricket team? "I'll cross that bridge if and when it comes. I'll believe I'm in the England team when I'm playing and only then. In the meantime I'm very happy playing for Essex."

Leading first-class cricket averages

Batting

Table with columns: Player, Inns, Not Out, Total Runs, Ht, Avg, D/R. Lists top batsmen like I.V.A. Richards, D.G. Greenidge, M.W. Gatting, etc.

Bowling

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New Zealand tour

Table with columns: Player, Inns, Not Out, Total Runs, Ht, Ave. Lists players like D.R. Pringle, P. Pocock, R. Edwards, etc.

Bowling

Table with columns: Player, Overs, Mdn, Runs, Wkts, Ave, D/R. Lists players like W.K. Lee, J.D. Murray, J.D. White, etc.

SWIMMING

Caulkins scores seven in a row at mixed events

Clovis, California (Reuters) - Tracy Caulkins won the women's 400 metres individual medley title at the US long-course swimming championships for the seventh successive time.

Ricardo Prado defeated Jeff Kostoff to take the men's 400 metres individual medley in 4min 11.26sec. But there was an upset for American record-holder, Rowdy Gaines, in the men's 200 metres freestyle. He was beaten to the touch by Bruce Hayes.

MOTOR CYCLING

Spencer hopes to clinch world championship

Anderstorp, Sweden (reuter) - Freddie Spencer, the United States Of America, could secure the world motorcycle championship in his first full season on Sunday by winning the Swedish 500cc grand prix. Spencer, a 21-year-old from Louisiana who lives up to his nickname 'Fast Freddie', leads the championship from Kenny Roberts, his more experienced compatriot, by two points. With only two events left, a victory worth 15 points would give Spencer an unassailable lead - assuming Roberts finishes out of the points rankings.

RUGBY UNION

Argentina stay with side who beat Australia

Sydney, Australia (AFP) - Rodolfo O'Reilly, Argentina's rugby union coach, has retained the team who beat Australia 18-3 in the first international match in Brisbane last weekend for the final international at the Sydney cricket ground tomorrow. Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, said that Argentina was a far stronger team than the Scottish side which drew the two international series in Australia last winter, praising the toughness of Argentina's forwards and the composure of the backs.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University: Fountain and Grotto 6.50 History of Mathematics 7.15 Community on Protection: Liverpool 7.40 Curricula: London 8.05 To Bedford from Busset: 8.30 Classroom Behaviour 8.55 Leon Erol in Laws are Out 9.15 The Get Set Picture Show... 1.00 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam... 5.10 Kung Fu Caline comes between powerful farmers... 5.00 News with Jan Leeming 6.10 Sports headlines 6.15 Baker's Seven Episode ten of the soap opera... 7.05 Film: El Dorado (1986) starring John Wayne and Robert Mitchum... 9.10 The Main Attraction... 9.40 Night Music... 12.15 Weather

tv-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly includes Operation Sky Quest in which an attempt to break the world altitude record for a manned hot air balloon is described by Michael Rodd... 12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dikie Davies... 5.25 LWT Information 9.30 Sesame Street Learning with laughs and the Muppeteers... 12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dikie Davies... 5.25 LWT Information 9.30 Sesame Street Learning with laughs and the Muppeteers... 12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dikie Davies

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The Best of Laurel and Hardy, a compilation film on Channel 4, 2.45pm

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 3.35) 3.45 Film: Are You With It? (1948) starring Donald O'Connor... 4.15 Tchou Tchou: An animated film, made in Canada... 5.15 The Sky at Night... 6.35 Film: Lady on a Train (1945) starring Deanna Durbin as Nicki... 7.05 Barry Norman's Hong Kong Quest... 7.55 News with Jan Leeming plus sports headlines... 8.10 Jorge Bolester... 8.55 The 20th Century Remembered... 9.25 Deathwatch: Circuit Eleven Miami... 10.10 Billy Fields Swings... 10.40 Film: The Wolf Man (1941) starring Lon Chaney Jr... 11.50 News with Jan Leeming... 11.55 Film: Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man (1943) starring Lon Chaney Jr... 12.15 Weather

CHANNEL 4

- 2.45 The Best of Laurel and Hardy... 4.15 Tchou Tchou: An animated film, made in Canada... 4.35 Walt Beling... 5.05 Brookside... 6.00 Hot Fox Dogs... 6.30 News headlines and weather followed by A Working Faith... 7.00 Take the Stage... 7.15 Film: Oliver's Story (1978) starring Ryan O'Neal... 8.45 The Chinese Detective... 9.00 News... 9.50 Potter... 10.20 Sunday Night at the Proms... 10.55 The Heart of the Matter... 11.10 Golf: The US PGA Championship... 11.45 Weather

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University: Tolstoy's Anna Karenina... 9.00 Camberkirk Green... 12.55 News with Jan Leeming... 1.55 Film: PT 109 (1963) starring Cliff Robertson... 6.05 News with Jan Leeming... 6.15 Restoration... 7.15 Film: Oliver's Story (1978) starring Ryan O'Neal... 8.45 The Chinese Detective... 9.00 News... 9.50 Potter... 10.20 Sunday Night at the Proms... 10.55 The Heart of the Matter... 11.10 Golf: The US PGA Championship... 11.45 Weather

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Spencer Leigh (left) and David Morrissey in One Summer (Channel 4, 9.15pm)

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 1.55) 1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam... 6.05 News with Jan Leeming... 6.15 Baker's Seven Episode ten... 7.05 News with Jan Leeming... 7.30 Diamonds in the Sky... 8.20 News with Jan Leeming... 8.30 Writers and Places... 9.50 Grand Prix... 10.20 Film: The Comedians (1967) starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton... 11.00 News... 11.45 Weather

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 Film: The Painted Veil (1934) starring Greta Garbo and Herbert Marshall... 4.00 Irish Gaelic Special... 4.30 Birds of Britain... 5.00 News headlines... 5.30 Old Country... 6.00 Look Forward... 6.15 International Bowls... 7.15 Song by Song... 8.15 Babble... 9.00 Rosy Music... 9.50 Grand Prix... 10.20 Film: The Comedians... 11.00 News... 11.45 Weather

Radio 4

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast... 7.00 News... 7.15 On Your Farm... 7.45 In Perspective... 7.50 It's a Bargain... 8.00 News... 8.15 Sport on 4... 8.48 Specialism of the Rev Ian Paisley... 9.50 News... 10.05 Talking Points... 10.30 Daily Service... 10.45 Pack of the Week... 11.35 From Our Own Correspondent... 12.00 News... 12.27 Quote... 1.00 News... 1.10 Tales From The South China Seas... 2.00 News... 2.35 Medicine Now... 3.30 Women Of Mystery... 4.00 News... 4.30 Does He Talk... 5.00 Entertainment... 5.25 Whizzcoaster... 6.00 News... 6.25 Desert Island Discs... 7.20 In The Psychiatrist's Chair... 8.00 Richard Baker... 8.30 Saturday-night Theatre...

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TONIGHT'S PROM

- 7.30 Ramon: Hypocrite at Arica... 8.45 The Great Northern Expedition... 11.00 Soundings: Religious... 11.30 Sonatas From Villa Lige... 12.05 Close Shipping Forecast... Weather: Travel 1.55-2.00 Programme News... 5.50-5.55 Programme News...

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- 6.00 Wake Up To This Weekend... 6.00 News... 6.15 On Your Farm... 6.45 In Perspective... 7.00 News... 7.15 On Your Farm... 7.45 In Perspective... 7.50 It's a Bargain... 8.00 News... 8.15 Sport on 4... 8.48 Specialism of the Rev Ian Paisley... 9.50 News... 10.05 Talking Points... 10.30 Daily Service... 10.45 Pack of the Week... 11.35 From Our Own Correspondent... 12.00 News... 12.27 Quote... 1.00 News... 1.10 Tales From The South China Seas... 2.00 News... 2.35 Medicine Now... 3.30 Women Of Mystery... 4.00 News... 4.30 Does He Talk... 5.00 Entertainment... 5.25 Whizzcoaster... 6.00 News... 6.25 Desert Island Discs... 7.20 In The Psychiatrist's Chair... 8.00 Richard Baker... 8.30 Saturday-night Theatre...

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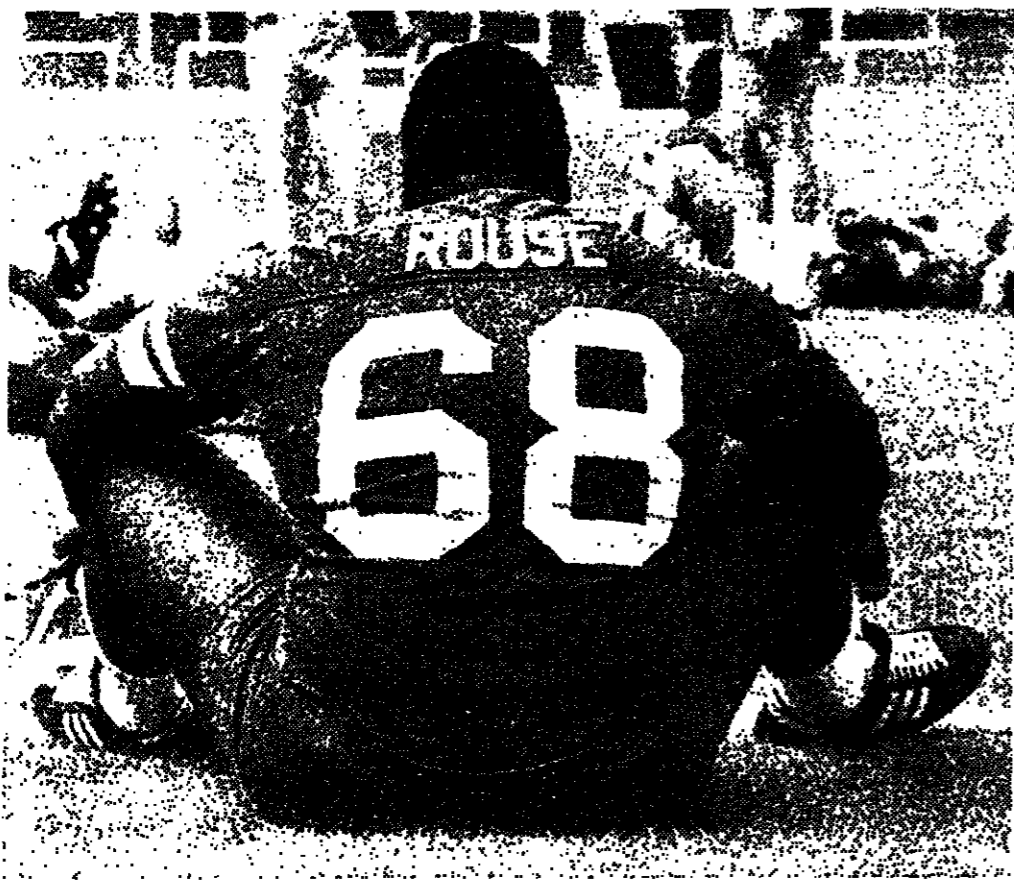
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# Gridiron giants come to Wembley superbowl



It's the big one... big enough to give even Curtis "Bou Bou" Rouse, left, food for a moment's thought. Bou Bou (6ft 3in and 300lb) and his Minnesota Vikings colleagues take on the ecclesiastical might of the St Louis Cardinals at Wembley Stadium this evening after practising a few set plays in the temple of Association Football yesterday. It will be Britain's first big gridiron game. Preview, page 15

## Seven die in hotel massacre

From Roger Beardwood, Paris

Two gangsters yesterday shot dead seven hostages after failing to break open the safe and safety deposit boxes at a luxury hotel in Avignon, southern France. The dead, three of them women, included the French Consul General in Saarbrücken, West Germany.

Police have started to reconstruct the hostages' last hour of life. At about 3.30am two men walked into the lobby of the hotel near the city centre and took the receptionist, Nicole van Buren, aged 23, and a porter, René Pool, aged 28, into the ground-floor office.

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## Zimbabwe restores censorship

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"Western press has its knife in Zimbabwe," was dattelined London and contained a number of errors and omissions.

## Sri Lanka MPs vote to ban separatist parties

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Government, and the Communist Party member said he supported the amendment but absent himself from the discussion in protest at the prescription of his party.

## Letter from Budapest

### Blowing the whistle on a football scandal

The heat which weighs on the limbs as heavily as gabardine has almost smothered the life of Budapest. But there is still enough righteous zeal for citizens to sit in cafes and buses and argue the pros and cons of a bizarre football corruption scandal smacking of high farce, low deals and professional fouls.

Roger Boyes

### Today's events

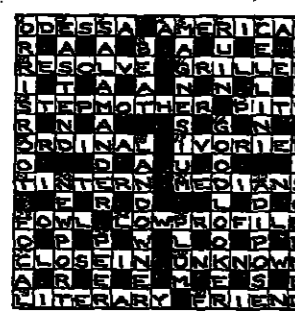
New exhibitions  
Somerset Guild of Craftsmen 50th Anniversary Summer Exhibition, Taunton Technical College, Wellington Road, Taunton; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (from today until Aug 20).

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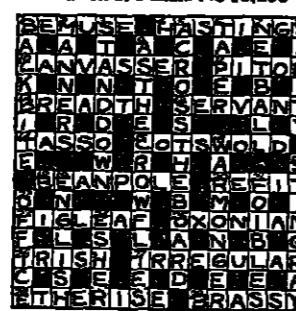
### Last chance to see

Exhibition of the work of John Ruskin; Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends tomorrow).

### Solution of Puzzle No 16,195

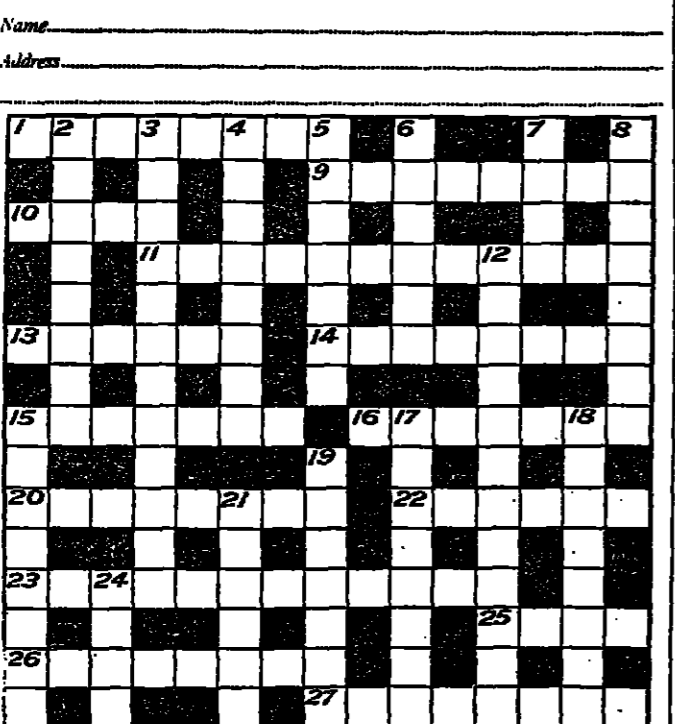


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### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,201

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9YT. The winners and solutions will be published next Saturday.



- ACROSS  
1 Take off quickly for the motor-bike race (8).  
9 Helter-skelter (little different from clubland) (4-4).  
10 Exhaust noise of car when repeated by Toad (4).  
11 Domiciliary illness suffered by Browning in April (12).  
13 Kind of ball that lasts two or three games (6).  
14 Did Hadrian avoid pointing this way? (13-5).15 Style so frenzied the heart throbber gets smaller (7).  
16 Plant giving outstanding cover (7).  
17 Wheeled vehicle for a balancing act (8).  
18 Low language student has the entire article (6).  
19 Half-sister smothered in flattery - it's delecting (12).  
20 A drop of Calvados (but not the draught) (4).  
21 It gives visual aid (but not to itself transposed) (8).  
22 The Spanish painters each having the same dream of gold (6).

### Music

Grove organ recital, by Thomas Trotter, Tewkesbury Abbey, 7.30.  
Organ recital by Herford, Mendoc, Winchester Cathedral, 6.45.  
Organ recital by Janos Sebestyen, Worcester Cathedral, 6.30.  
Organ recital by Anthony Burns-Cox, Lincoln Cathedral, 12.30.  
Organ recital by Marcus Husley, York Minster, 6.

### Tomorrow

Concert by Otterbein College Band from Ohio, USA, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.  
Concert by Medici String Quartet, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 8.  
Organ recital by Jonathan Holmes, Chumleigh Parish Church, Devon, 6.30.  
Recital by Kirsteen Grant (soprano), Isobel Findlay (mezzo-soprano), Shona Maitland (accordeon) and Kenneth Dunsinuir (piano), former Darlington New Church, Arr, 8.

### Anniversaries

Births: Alfred, Lord Tennyson, poet laureate (1850-92), Somerset, Lincolnshire, 1809; Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, Lochfield, Ayr, 1881; Deaths: Anne Hathaway, Stratford-on-Avon, 1633; Ben Jonson, London, 1637; Diego Velazquez, Madrid, 1660; Atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, 1945. Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrating the manifestation of Christ's divinity before Peter, James and John. Tradition locates the event on Mount Tabor.  
TOMORROW  
Births: Ralph Johnson Bunche, diplomat, Nobel laureate for Peace, 1950, Drott, 1904; Deaths: Robert Blake, admiral at sea off Plymouth, 1673; Konstantin Stanislavsky, founder of the Moscow Art Theatre, Moscow, 1938; Sir Rabindranath Tagore, poet, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta, 1941.

### Roads

London and South-east: A4: Lane closures on Cromwell Road West between Earl Court and Barons Court tomorrow. A32B: Extra traffic expected for European Skiing Championships near Thorpe Park, Egham, A26, A275, A27: Heavy traffic at Lewes, Sussex because of carnival. Buckingham Palace Road: Closed at Victoria Station 9 pm to 7 am, tonight and tomorrow night.  
Midlands and East Angles: M1: Lane closures between junctions 15 and 16 (Northampton). M6: Lane closures between junctions 5 and 6 (Birmingham) NE to Birmingham city centre, A49: Closed at Woodcroft, Salop, from 10.30 pm today; diversion.  
North: Heavy traffic on Wilbraham Road and Wiltshire Road, near Manchester City Football Club, today and tomorrow. M1: Restricted access to motorway between junctions 30 and 31 near Sheffield. M6: Lane closures between junctions 43 and 44 (Leeds).  
Wales and West: Heavy traffic on A46 and A419 for the Gwent Race horse trials near Stroud. M5: Lane closures between junctions 8 (M50 junction) and 9 (Ashchurch). A5: Temporary lights on Holyhead at Bangor road at Llanfair.  
Scotland: A814: Clyde-side expressway in Glasgow near Clyde Tunnel, 9 am today to 6 pm tomorrow. A9, A85, A93, A94: Heavy congestion on Perth centre and nearby roads because of agricultural show. A75, A76, A781, A709: Extra traffic in Dumfries Information supplied by the AA.

### The papers

The Daily Mail says the horrifying communal violence in Sri Lanka belongs to a sadly familiar pattern. Commentary to the impression given by the book is that the end of the British empire meant the end of protection for millions of people belonging to minority racial groups. Every day which passes shows more clearly that we have reason for pride, not shame, at the role we once played.  
The Labour right's revolution at the prospect of the "nightmare scenario" by Gordon Brown and Michael Mascher as deputy has given some grim satisfaction to the Gang of Four of the Daily Express says. They said years ago the left's advance was too far gone to resist and they were roundly jeered at by their former colleagues who are now seeing the light.

### The pound

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Austria Sch	29.05	27.50	
Belgium Fr	82.50	78.50	
Canada \$	1.88	1.80	
Denmark Kr	14.80	14.10	
France F	12.31	11.76	
Germany DM	4.10	3.90	
Greece Dr	135.00	125.00	
Hong Kong \$	15.50	14.85	
India Rs	12.39	12.23	
Italy Lira	2430.00	2310.00	
Japan Yen	379.00	359.00	
Netherlands Gld	4.50	4.36	
Spain Ptas	13.06	11.46	
Sweden Kr	11.50	10.73	
Portugal Esc	185.00	175.00	
South Africa Rd	1.98	1.83	
Hainan Ptas	227.00	216.00	
Switzerland Fr	2.00	1.94	
USA \$	3.33	3.16	
Yugoslavia Dnr	154.00	144.00	

### Gardens open

TODAY AND TOMORROW  
Oxfordshire: Watlington Horticultural Centre, nr Wheatley, 8m E of Oxford, 2m from Wheatley on old A40; ornamental gardens, nurseries, glasshouses, fruit, alpines, shrubs, herbaceous, many interesting plants; 10 to 6.  
TOMORROW  
Hampshire: Clare College Fellows' Garden, Cambridge; 2 acres, famous garden, many interesting plants, free leaflet available; 2 to 7. Unwins Seed Trial Garden, Impington Lane, Histon, 3m N of Cambridge; over 30,000 flowers including 100 varieties of marigold and 1,000 varieties of vegetables; 10 to 6.  
Cornwall: Trehan, Probus, 5m from Truro, 1 1/2m N of Tresillian; 5 acres, woodland and 5 acre garden, shrubs, herbaceous, lilies, fuchsias, alpines; 2 to 6.  
Derbet: Wyle, Wyle, 2 to 6.  
Belle Vue Road, Weymouth; 2 acres on two levels, interesting plants, trees and shrubs; 2 to 6.  
Dunfermline: Portrack House, Holywood; interesting trees, shrubs, herbaceous, greenhouses; 2 to 6.  
Herefordshire and Worcester: The Priory, Kemerton, NE of Tewkesbury; 4 acres, herbaceous borders in colour groups, interesting unusual plants; 2 to 7.  
Herefordshire: Fettercairn House, Fettercairn; several small gardens, enclosed wye hedges, Victorian garden, roses; 2 to 6.  
Oxfordshire: Checkendon Court, Checkendon, nr Reading, 8m NW of Reading off A4074; formal garden, lily pool, herbaceous borders; 2 to 7.  
Perthshire: Clunierose, Pitlochry; water garden, rock garden, herbaceous and alpine borders; 2 to 6.  
Suffolk: Snettisham, Snettisham; plants for sale; 2 to 7.  
Surrey: South Cottage, Bute Avenue, off Sudbrook Lane, Petersham, nr Richmond; cottage garden about 1 acre, herbaceous, roses, bedding plants all raised in greenhouse; 2 to 7.  
Sutherland: Suigill, Kildonan; rock garden, 2 herbaceous, woodland walk with shrubs; 2 to 6.

### In the garden

Climbing plants grow quickly now and may push up around gutters, down pipes and under tiles or slates. Cut them back - especially if you are going on holiday. Rambler roses should be pruned after the flowers are over, cut out the stems that bore flowers and tie new ones in to take their place. Tie up old leaves from strawberry plants as soon as they have finished cropping.

### Pollen forecast

Area	Pollen count	Peak
Aberdeen	high	3 to 6 pm
Belfast	low	
Birmingham	low	
Bristol	low	noon to 3 pm
Cardiff	low	2 to 6 pm
Edinburgh	low	9 to 8 pm
Exeter	low	9 to 8 pm
Gloucester	low	9 to 8 pm
Harrogate	low	9 to 8 pm
Leeds	low	
London	low	
Manchester	low	noon to 3 pm
Newcastle	low	9 to 8 pm
Nottingham	low	3 to 6 pm
Sheffield	low	3 to 6 pm
Southampton	low	3 to 6 pm
Swindon	low	3 to 6 pm
Torquay	low	noon to 3 pm
Warrick	low	3 to 6 pm

## Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will remain over Britain.

### Gam to midnight

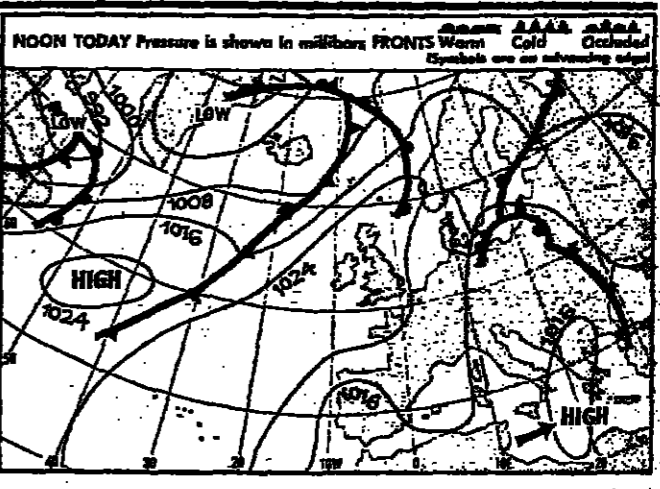
London, Midlands, central N England: Dry, sunny periods, wind variable, light, max temp 22 to 24C (72 to 75F).  
SE: East Angles, Dry, sunny periods, wind N, moderate; max temp 20 to 22C (68 to 72F).  
SW: SW, NW, England, Channel Islands, Wales, Isle of Man, Lake District, SW Scotland, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Dry, sunny periods, wind variable, light, max temp 18 to 21C (64 to 70F).  
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### Lighting-up time

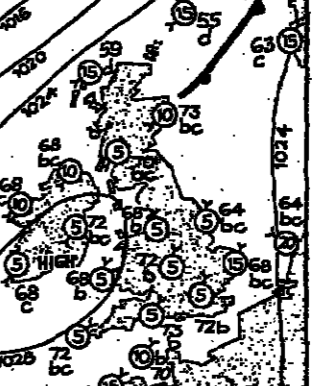
London 9.11 pm to 8.02 am  
Bristol 9.21 pm to 6.12 am  
Edinburgh 9.41 pm to 6.47 am  
Manchester 9.27 pm to 5.03 am  
Penzance 9.25 pm to 5.30 am

### Around Britain

Sea	Wind	Temp
Strandford	21 to 27	Bright
South Coast	19 to 25	Bright
London	19 to 25	Bright
Edinburgh	19 to 25	Bright
Cardiff	19 to 25	Bright
Belfast	19 to 25	Bright
Birmingham	19 to 25	Bright
Bristol	19 to 25	Bright
Exeter	19 to 25	Bright
Gloucester	19 to 25	Bright
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Nottingham	19 to 25	Bright
Sheffield	19 to 25	Bright
Southampton	19 to 25	Bright
Swindon	19 to 25	Bright
Torquay	19 to 25	Bright
Warrick	19 to 25	Bright



### NOON TODAY



### Yesterday

Temp	Wind	Humidity	Cloud
Belfast	17	60	100
Birmingham	20	68	100
Bristol	17	60	100
Cardiff	22	72	100
Edinburgh	11	68	100
Gloucester	19	68	100

### London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F). Humidity: 60%. Wind: max 5 km/h, 3 mph. Bar: min 1024.1 mbars, 30.1 in.

### Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day: Hart and Poole, 29C (84F). Lowest day: Hart and Poole, 10C (50F). Highest wind: Hart and Poole, 30 km/h, 18 mph. Highest sun: Hart and Poole, 13.2 hrs.

### High tides

Area	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.55	8.8	12.18	6.5	12.18	12.07	8.4	12.17	6.4
Aberdeen	11.55	8.8	12.18	6.5	12.18	12.07	8.4	12.17	6.4
Aberystwyth	11.55	8.8	12.18	6.5	12.18	12.07	8.4	12.17	6.4
Aberdeen	11.55	8.8	12.18	6.5	12.18	12.07	8.4	12.17	6.4
Aberystwyth	11.55	8.8	12.18	6.5	12.18	12.07	8.4	12.17	6.4

### Abroad

Area	Temp	Wind	Temp	Wind	Area	Temp	Wind	Temp	Wind
Abbeville	20	60	100	100	Abbeville	20	60	100	100
Abbeville	20	60	100	100	Abbeville	20	60	100	100
Abbeville	20	60	100	100	Abbeville	20	60	100	100
Abbeville	20	60	100	100	Abbeville	20	60	100	100

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